

NEW YORK STATE 2025 BILLS IN THE LEGISLATURE – 3/7/2025

This chart lists important animal protective legislation that New York State Humane Association is supporting or opposing in the 2025 NYS legislative session.

Below are new 2025 bills or past bills that have been reintroduced this session. Additional bills will be added as they are introduced.

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Key bills that NYSHA is supporting.

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Assembly	Senate	Sponsors	Description of 2025 Legislation	Support/ Oppose	Presently
A.54	S.3046	Asm. Epstein Sen. Brisport	Bans glue traps in all ways.	Support	A. Economic Dev Com S. Consumer Protection
A.165	NSA (S.6315A)	Asm. Rosenthal (Sen. Brisport)	Relates to outdoor restraints of companion animals; prohibits tethering under cruel or inhumane conditions, including during dangerous weather conditions when a weather advisory or warning is in effect; provides for civil penalties for violations.	Support	A. Agriculture Com
A.667	S.1182	Asm. Rosenthal Sen. Addabbo	Ban leghold traps	Support	A. In Environmental Conservation Com S. Environmental Conservation Com.
A.727	NSA (S.1960)	Asm. Rosenthal (Sen. Addabbo)	Prohibits the use of performance-enhancing drugs in horseracing.	Support	A. Racing and Wagering Com
A.859	S.562	Asm. Glick Sen. Krueger	Prohibits the taking of non-native big game mammals in a fenced or other area from which there is no means for such mammal to escape. Referred to as canned hunts.	Support	A. En Con Com S. En Con Com
A.2019	S.703	Asm. Rosenthal Sen. Krueger	An act to amend the Ag & Mkts law, in relation to aggravated cruelty to animals. Removes the term “serious” from the “serious physical injury” language of Sec. 353-a of the Ag & Mks law.	Support	A. Agriculture Com S. Agriculture Com (PASSED SENATE in “22, “23, ’24)

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<u>A.2312</u>	<u>S.1153</u>	<u>Asm. Smullen</u> <u>Sen. Oberacker</u>	Allows a person who is at least ten years of age to hunt small game, fowl, deer or bear during applicable seasons without obtaining a hunting license or hunter’s education course certification and to possess or control a firearm if the person is within arm’s reach of a qualified hunting mentor.	OPPOSE	<u>A. En Con Com</u> <u>S. En Con Com</u>
<u>A.3865</u>	<u>S1482</u>	<u>Asm. B Miller</u> <u>Sen. T O’Mara</u>	Allows for the taking of Zenaida macroura, commonly known as the mourning dove, as a migratory bird.	OPPOSE	<u>A. En Con Com</u> <u>S. En Con Com</u>
<u>A.5505</u>	<u>S.1784</u>	<u>Sen. Hinchey</u> <u>Asm. Lupardo</u>	Relates to the inspection of property that has been vacated for abandoned animals; requires property owners and lessors to inspect such property within 3 days to immediately notify the appropriate authorities when such person finds an animal which appears to be abandoned.	Support	<u>A. Agriculture Com.</u> <u>S. Agriculture Com.</u> PASSED SENATE 4/9/24
<u>A.5850</u>	<u>S.4363</u>	<u>Asm. Glick</u> <u>Sen. Fernandez</u>	Relates to prohibiting the issuance of permits authorizing the use of wild animals in circuses; except an accredited zoo and a wildlife sanctuary.	Support	<u>A. En Con Committee</u> <u>S. En Con Committee</u>

Additional Bills in the NY Legislature

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<u>A. 5815</u>	<u>S.4613</u>	<u>Asm. Rosenthal</u> <u>Sen. Weik</u>	Relates to orders of protection with respect to companion animals; provides further protection for pets by authorizing the court to order a party to either relinquish a pet or to refrain from any contact with a pet.	Support	A. <u>Judiciary Com</u> S. <u>Children & Families Com</u>
<u>A 140</u>	NSA	<u>Asw. Rosenthal</u>	Relates to prohibiting school districts, school principals, administrators, or teachers from requiring, permitting, or conducting a lesson or experimental study using an animal in a hatching project .	Support	A. <u>Education Com</u>
<u>A.665</u>	NSA (NSA)	<u>Asm. Rosenthal</u> (Sen. Brooks)	Relates to the creation of a crime database of all convictions in New York state of animal cruelty, fighting, neglect, abandonment and mistreatment; makes such crime database available to all law enforcement entities, district attorneys, duly incorporated humane societies, societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals, dog or cat protective associations and animal control officers.	Support	A. <u>Agriculture Com.</u>
<u>A.668</u>	<u>S.5683</u>	<u>Asm. Rosenthal</u> <u>Sen. Sanders, Jr.</u>	Pertains to confinement of certain animals for food producing purposes ; prohibits any person to tether or confine any pig during pregnancy or calf raised for veal for all or the majority of any day in a manner that prevents such animal from lying down, standing up and fully extending its limbs and turning around freely; establishes that commission of such crime shall constitute a class A misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for a period not to exceed one year and/or fine not to exceed \$1,000.	Support	A. <u>Agriculture Com.</u> S. <u>Agriculture Com.</u>
<u>A.862</u>	NSA (NSA)	<u>Asm. Glick</u>	Prohibits the taking of zoo, petting zoo, carnival or circus animals ; provides that violations shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than two thousand dollars. (Taking = killing,	Support	A. <u>Encon Committee</u>

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			for entertainment in this case.)		
<u>A.1616</u>	<u>S.5014</u>	<u>Asm. Rosenthal</u> <u>Sen. Sepulveda</u>	Enacts the “Big Five African Trophies Act” relating to banning the importation, transportation and possession of certain African products.	Support	<u>A. En Con Committee</u> <u>S. En Con Committee</u>
<u>A1557</u>	(NSA)	<u>Asm. Rosenthal</u>	Prohibits certain acts in rodeos ; imposes penalties for the violations of such acts.	Support	A. <u>Agriculture Com</u>
<u>A.1804</u>	<u>S.262</u>	<u>Asm. Rosenthal</u> <u>Sen. Martinez</u>	Provides that “ wild animal ” means indigenous, non-domesticated animals native to the country in which they live and “ exotic animal ” means a wild animal with an origin of a different continent; adds certain wild or exotic animals to the list of non-companion animals; provides certain owners of wild or exotic animals with a license process.	Support	<u>A. En Con Com</u> <u>S. En Con Com</u> PASSED SENATE in ‘23
<u>A.3050</u>	<u>S.197</u>	<u>Asm. Lunsford</u> <u>Sen. M. Martinez</u>	Tucker’s Law: Relates to sentencing for the crime of aggravated cruelty to animals; removes the two year imprisonment cap.	Support	<u>A. Agriculture Com</u> <u>S. Agriculture Com</u>
<u>A. 3063</u>	<u>S.157</u>	<u>Asm. Rosenthal</u> <u>Sen. Salazar</u>	This bill would eliminate certain tax exemptions for horse racing in NYS. Presently there is no sales tax on the sale of racehorses, often very expensiv	Support	A. Ways & Means Com S. <u>Budget & Revenue</u>
<u>A.1344</u> (A.3976)	NSA (NSA See S4084)	Asm. Glick	Establishes a tort cause of action for the wrongful injury or death of a companion animal ; provides for compensatory and punitive damages and injunctive relief and three year statute of limitations on commencement of such an action.	Support	<u>A. Judiciary Com.</u>

Passed in Previous Years and Signed Into Law

Bills that Passed in 2023

A.2917	S.4099	Asm. Glick, Sen. Kennedy	Provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to organize, sponsor, conduct, promote, or participate in any contest, competition, tournament or derby where the objective of such contest or competition is to take wildlife.	Support	Passed Assembly Passed Senate Signed by Gov. 12/2023
A.3552A	S.1677A	Asm. Pretlow Sen. Addabbo	The purpose of this legislation is to update the fines for selling disabled Equidae at auctions. The bill also expands the protection to include mules and donkeys, in addition to horses.	Support	Passed Assembly And Senate In 2023 Signed by Gov. 12/2023
A.5109	S.2163-A	Asm. Glick Sen. Addabbo	Prohibits any person from slaughtering any horse where such person knows or has reason to know that such horse will be used for human or animal consumption; and prohibits any person from possessing, importing into or exporting from the state, selling, buying, giving away, holding or accepting any horse with the intent of killing, or having another kill, such horse, if such person knows or should have known that any part of such horse will be used for human or animal consumption; and provides penalties for violation.	Support	Passed Assembly Passed Senate Signed by Gov. 12/2023

Passed in 2022 and prior years

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A.4283	S.1130	Asm. Rosenthal Sen. Gianaris	Prohibits the sale of dogs and cats and rabbits by retail pet shops ; authorizes collaboration with entities to provide space to showcase cats or dogs owned by certain entities for the purpose of adoption.	Support	Passed Assembly. Passed Senate. Signed by Governor Hochul - 2022.
A.6246	S.6870B	Asm. Paulin Sen. Addabbo	Relates to the standards of care of animals held in or being transported by animal shelters.	Support	Passed Assembly. Passed Senate. Signed by Governor Hochul - 2022.
A.5653	S.4839B	Asm. Rosenthal Sen. Addabbo	The NY Cruelty-Free Cosmetic Act will ban manufacture or sale of most cosmetics products or ingredients that have been tested on animals after 1/1/2023.	Support	Passed Assembly. Passed Senate. Signed by Governor Hochul - 2022.
A.4154-B	S1442-B	Asm. Pretlow Sen. Addabbo	Relates to the aftercare of retired race horses ; prohibits the slaughter of race horses and race horse breeding stock ; requires that race horses be microchipped; increases access to funding for appropriate care of retired race horses by: (i) ensuring that monies generated by enforcement will be	Support	Passed Assembly. 6/10/21 Passed Senate 2/3/21. Signed by Governor

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			dedicated to the aftercare of retired racehorses; and (ii) allowing NY individuals and corporations to make voluntary contributions dedicated to funding aftercare programs.		Hochul into law, 12/1/2021.
A.5775	S. 4248	Asm. Glick, Sen. Skoufis	Relates to requiring the best interest of a companion animal to be considered when awarding possession in a divorce.	Support	Passed Assembly. Passed Senate. Signed by Governor Hochul into law, 2021.
A.5823-A	S.5023-A	Asm.. Rosenthal Sen. Gianaris	Requires veterinarians to report suspected animal cruelty to the police, duly incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, peace officer, district attorney’s office, animal control office, department of agriculture and markets, or other appropriate government agency and to turn over necessary records.	Support	Passed Assembly. Passed Senate. Signed by Governor Hochul into law, 2021.
A.3216	S.4119	Asm. Gunther Sen. Griffo	Relates for lowering the age for universal hunting from 14 years old to 12 years old.	Opposed	Added in 2021-2022 budget, signed by Governor. Sunsets 12/31/23.
A1303	S5532B	Asm. Rosenthal Sen. Gianaris	Relates to the prohibition of declawing of cats ; makes such violation punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000.	Support	Signed into law by Governor in 2019.
A216	S3828	Asm. Paulin Sen. J. Metzger (this Sen. is no longer in office.)	Relates to the care of animals; requires regular diurnal light cycles of either natural or artificial light; requires separate space for pregnant or nursing dogs; requires a certain level of sanitation of primary enclosures and cages; requires sanitary food receptacles; requires grooming.	Support	Signed into law by Governor in 2019.